

# The Middlebury Register.

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## The Next Presidency.

According to the usual practice hitherto, the Whigs of the Union will meet in National Convention, by delegates, in about one year from this time—or rather more—to nominate a candidate for the next Presidency. Much as we are dissatisfied with the intrigues and caballings that have usually attended conventions of this nature, we see no probability that any other course will be adopted, nor do we know any practicable plan, for concentrating party efforts on a particular individual, which is likely to succeed better. A comparison of preferences from all quarters is needed, and is in this way more or less perfectly secured. State conventions that send delegates, for this purpose, are thereby committed in honor to support the nominee selected by a majority of delegates, and the party strength is thus kept entire, and rendered efficient in carrying out the principles which lie at the foundation of the party organization.

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—See advertisement of Mr. Brown, in our paper this week.

**Gen. SCOTT has commenced writing letters on the Presidential nomination for 1852. His friends, who are moving thus prematurely in different parts of the Union, will be very likely to ruin whatever prospects he may have otherwise had. The following letter, in answer to the Whig Committee of Juniata County, Pennsylvania, who had forwarded a series of resolutions recommending him as a candidate for the Presidency, is brief and guarded—suggesting the "hasty plate of soup" by contrast rather than by resemblance.**

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**Mr. Webster at Annapolis**

At a dinner given him in Annapolis on the 25th ult., Mr. WEBSTER made a speech of some length, from which we make the following extracts:

**GENTLEMEN—I concur in the sentiments expressed by you all—and I thank God they were expressed by you all—in the resolutions passed here on the 10th of December. You say that the Constitution of the United States has accomplished all the objects, civil and political, which the most sanguine of its framers and friends anticipated; and that the affections of the people of Maryland are justly riveted to its principles by the memory of the characters of the wise and good men who framed it, as well as by the blessings they have uniformly bestowed throughout the world. That is my sentiment. My heart is in it. [Applause.]**

**I live and breathe, I walk and sleep—I had almost said, I pray to God daily in the very sentiment of that resolution. Now you go on to assert a sentiment equally just. You say that a proper appreciation of these blessings would lead every State in the Union to adopt all such measures as may from time to time be necessary to give complete and full effect to any provision of the Constitution, or the law, pursuant thereto, intended for the protection of any part of this great common country. True! every word true! And allow me to say, that any State, North or South, which adopts one frosty resolution, will be compelled to adopt another to follow it. That is my sentiment. My heart is in it. [Applause.]**

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**The Windsor Journal copies our article of two weeks since, in relation to the attempt to create divisions in the Whig party of this State, with the following remarks:**

**The article copied to low from the *Middlebury Register*, reflects, we are impelled to believe, not only the sentiments of the Whigs of Addison County, but of a large majority of the Whigs of the State. Nothing could be more absurd or impudent, in our judgment, than a mingling in the inner quarels among the Whigs of other States. We have noticed, with deep regret, a disposition on the part of two or three Whig newspapers of this State to identify the National Administration with one of the rival factions in New York. The *Sun* and *Commercial Advertiser*, and the *Advertiser* of Juniata County, Pennsylvania, who have just terminated most magnificently the election of HAMILTON FISH, are, as far as we are concerned, the best Whigs in the whole Union, have been caught with instructive incidents. Although Mr. Fish has through his public life been honored with the support of the whole Whig party of the State, he has generally been regarded as not sympathizing with Gov. Seward, in all his peculiar shades of policy. Yet such has been his character, and personal and politically so moderate, prudent, conservative, so uniformly and practically Whig, that friends of Seward have been ready willing to give him their cordial support. This was enough to excite opposition from a few loose Whigs in the city of New York, who, in their perver quarrelling to anything else, they put the Administration in a false position, by representing it as hostile to the election of Gov. Fish. The *N. Y. Commercial Advertiser*, a warm supporter of the Administration, and a friend of the compromise measures, came out in decided opposition to Mr. Beckman, a Whig senator from Indiana, who opposed Mr. Fish's election.**

**The WELLAND CANAL, CLOSED AGAINST AMERICAN VESSELS.—The New York Express, of the 27th ult., says:**

**We learn that the Canadian Government has resolved to close the Welland Canal against American vessels. This is a measure which, if persisted in, will inflict a serious blow to the trade and commerce of the Lakes—afflicting materially the prosperity and interest of all the avenues of trade leading to Lake Ontario. Great excitement exists at Oswego and other towns connected with the commerce of the lower Lakes and the river St. Lawrence. This movement is well understood to be retaliatory against the U. S. Government and the State of New York, in consequence of the former's non-granting a reciprocity of trade, and the latter shutting out the Canadians from the use of Lake Champlain and Champlain Canal."**

**The Carpet-Bag** is a neat, spirited, and witty paper just started in New York. It is the special organ of the intrepid Mrs. Partington.—Published weekly by Snow and Wilder, at \$2 a year in advance.

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